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FOR:	PACKET SWITCHING APPARATUS

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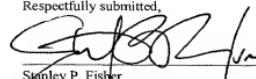
- 27 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of November 13, 2000.
- Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449.
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